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DEATH CAME TO SHOWMAN

William Brubaker of Knobsville, Fatally Injured by Explosion of Gas Tank.

AT QUINCY LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING

William Brubaker, a well known citizen of this county, was fatally injured at Quincy, Franklin county, last Wednesday evening, about 6 o'clock.

He and his wife and a three-months' old baby traveled from place to place through the rural districts showing moving pictures in a tent. On the evening of the 12th they were at Five Forks and next day went to Quincy.

That evening Mr. Brubaker was making the gas which is used to illuminate the machine, a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen, and had the various chemicals necessary in an iron tank in the tent in which the family cooked and lived. Through some error, likely, the tank exploded and the metal parts flew about many of them striking the man in the face and body. His clothing also caught fire and he probably inhaled some of the flames.

Dr. Fritz, of Quincy, was standing near when the accident occurred, and he with other men went to the relief of Mr. Brubaker who it was apparent was seriously hurt. After doing all in his power to allay the pain, Dr. Fritz decided to hurry him off to the hospital at Chambersburg. By a few minutes after seven o'clock the wounded man had reached the hospital, but just as he was being carried into the institution, he breathed his last.

Dr. Ramsey of Chambersburg, immediately telephoned McConnellsbury to notify the unfortunate man's father, Mr. David Brubaker, who owns and lives on the Kemp farm about two miles north of Knobsville. It happened when Knobsville was called up by phone that Mr. Brubaker was in the village, and was greatly overcome by grief when informed of the dreadful accident to his son.

Thursday morning the corpse was shipped up to Loudon on the South Penn, and Undertaker Stoner, of this place, received it there and took it to the father's home, from which place the funeral was conducted on Friday afternoon, interment being made in the cemetery at the M. E. church at Knobsville.

William Brubaker was 37 years of age, and was a natural born mechanical genius, and by just "picking up" the skill himself, could do almost anything from repairing the most delicate watch to the adjusting of heavy machinery.

His wife was Della May, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Campbell. Besides his father and mother, he is survived by two brothers, John of Knobsville, and Charles, of Saxton.

His wife who was in the tent with him at the time of the accident says: "We had been traveling with our show through Bedford and Franklin counties and the state of Maryland. We had been on our trip since July 1st, and had not been home in the meantime. Last night we showed at Five Forks and expected to show at Quincy to-night. Ours was a moving picture show. We used calcium light, made of oxygen and hydrogen. My husband was making gas for the evening performance and was in the tent in which we cook, when the accident occurred. There was an explosion and he was seriously injured. I was washing dishes at the time. After the accident occurred, he asked me what happened. I don't think he ever knew what it was. He was conscious and knew what I said to him until he got in the carriage at Chambersburg. He could not speak, but would shake his head. I believe that his death was accidental and no person was to blame for it."

IT IS UP TO THE TEACHERS

To Enforce the Law Compelling Pupils to Present Certificate of Vaccination.

OR PUPILS TO STAY OUT OF SCHOOLS.

The secretaries of the various school boards have received circulars, a copy of which follows, with request that the same be placed in the hands of each teacher. It may be added here that there is no responsibility with the board in this matter, and they are asked to place the circulars in the hands of the teachers, as a matter of courtesy to them.

To Principals or Teachers in Charge of Schools in Pennsylvania:

Greeting:—Your attention is respectfully called to section 12 of the act of assembly of June 18, 1895, which declares that "all principals or other persons in charge of schools as aforesaid (namely, public, private, parochial, Sunday or other schools) are hereby required to refuse the admission of any child to the schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician, setting forth that such child has been successfully vaccinated, or that it has previously had small-pox."

Section 21 of the same act provides that the penalty for failure, neglect, or refusal to comply with or violation of this requirement shall, for every such offence, upon conviction thereof before any mayor, burgess, alderman, police magistrate or justice of the peace, be a fine or penalty of not less than five dollars or more than one hundred dollars, and in default of payment thereof, imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding sixty days.

I beg you to observe that in this matter the principal or teacher is responsible, not to the school directors, but to the health authorities of the State or the municipality, and that no action of the school directors can supersede the requirements of the law.—Any attempt to shift the responsibility onto the shoulders of the directors would therefore be attended by serious risk.

I do not allow myself to doubt, however, that your own intelligent appreciation of the importance of the strict enforcement of this law, both for the protection of the health of the children under your care, as well as of that of the entire community, and for the avoidance of the serious interference with education which an outbreak of small-pox in a community always involves, will make further reference to penalties entirely unnecessary.

SAMUEL E. DIXON,
Commissioner of Health.

It will be noticed that the act above referred to was passed ten years ago, and no one has had the nerve to enforce it up to this time. It was not until the present State Board of Health was organized, and a salary of \$10,000 provided for its head and allowance of \$5,000 more for office help, that we are to have this law go into effect.

The burden now falls on the teachers. They must either turn pupils out of school, who do not come with the yellow certificate, or run the risk of an officer making them a friendly call some day and pinching them to the tune of five to a hundred dollars. These are glorious old times. The pure food man gets after the country merchant, and the health officer is after the poor school marm.

Just here let us say to parents and guardians, Don't make a fuss about it. It is the law, and you must observe its provisions or suffer the consequences. If you fail to have your child vaccinated, or if vaccinated, fail to get a certificate from a physician, showing that such is the case, the teacher, to protect herself from the penalty of the law, must send your child home.

At a meeting of the teachers

HAVE YOU SIGNED IT?

Petition to Have McConnellsbury Placed Under the Provisions of the General Borough Law.

WILL BE REPRESENTED AT OCTOBER COURT

A petition is now being circulated in our borough and will be presented to court of October 3d, to bring our borough under the general laws of 1851. It is hoped that all our citizens will sign the petition, and that our borough may become subject to the restrictions and possess the powers of the general law regulating boroughs.

For several years the affairs of the Borough have been administered in a sort of "hit and miss" fashion, with a constant tendency to disorder and general dissatisfaction. Let us get in under the general law like other people, and then we will know, at least where we are at.

The borough of McConnellsbury was incorporated by a special Act of Assembly approved March 26, 1814, and its boundaries were afterwards extended; the two blocks west of 1st street were taken in by Act of March 17, 1842, and the block north of Wagner's tannery by Act of April 11, 1862.

Prior to 1834, all boroughs were incorporated by Acts of Assembly, but in the year last mentioned an Act was passed empowering the courts of quarter sessions, by and with the concurrence of the grand jury of the county, to incorporate towns and villages containing not less than three hundred inhabitants. On April 3, 1851, a general law was passed regulating boroughs, and empowering the courts of quarter sessions to incorporate boroughs without regard to the population. This Act was applicable to all boroughs in the State incorporated under it, and defined the restrictions, powers and privileges conferred upon boroughs under it, as well as boroughs previously incorporated and accepting the provisions of the Act.

The powers, privileges and restrictions of boroughs incorporated under special Acts of Assembly are vaguely set forth; and, often, it is difficult to tell what powers and privileges they possess, and what restrictions are placed upon them. Almost all of the boroughs in the State have accepted the provisions of the Act of April 3, 1851, and all laws relating to boroughs passed since, apply to boroughs incorporated under the Act, or those accepting the provisions of the Act.

Samuel R. Martin, a former active school teacher in this county, who now holds a lucrative clerical position with the Pennsylvania Railroad people in their offices at Crestline, O., is spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Martin in the Cove.

and borough superintendent in Chambersburg, it was decided to give parents two weeks to comply with the law. After that time pupils without a certificate will be sent home.

Upon a little sober thought it may not seem so bad a thing to you after all. It was only a few months ago that the lower end of Huntingdon county and the upper end of Franklin was scourged with small pox. There has been an abatement of the disease during the heated season, but now it is breaking out with redoubled fury in Blair county. If every man woman and child in Fulton county were successfully vaccinated, we might go ahead without the slightest fear of an epidemic. The cost of vaccination is a trifle when compared with small pox breaking out in your school, getting into your family, and perhaps taking to the grave some of its members.

FOUGHT AT FT. STEADMAN

Reminiscences of His Army Life While a Member of Company H, 208th Regiment, in the Civil War.

BY COMRADE JOHN HANN, OF SALUVA.

I am one of the old "boys in blue," and it has occurred to me that it might be interesting to some of the younger members, at least, in the big family of "News" readers, to hear an old soldier "talk" in this way about war times.

I was a member of Company H, 208th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and our good friend Harvey Wishart, of Wells Valley, was our captain. In the same company with myself were several men you know very well—John Elliott Rumel, William Stoner, Nicholas Ott, Adam Boerner, and R. Nixon Shimer, of McConnellsbury; William King, Patrick Wilson, Jeremiah W. Hann, Jacob Naugle, and Licking Creek township; Isaiah Lehman, Esq., Joseph Hoopengardner, Jacob Hamman, and Jacob Geinger, of Union township. Of these, Ott, Boerner, Shimer, Jere Hann, Hoopengardner, Hamman and Geinger are dead. Pat Wilson went away from the county several years ago, and I do not know whether he is living or not.

We left home the first week in September, forty-one years ago, went down to Camp Curtin at Harrisburg, was mustered into service, and on the 13th, started with the regiment for the front in Virginia. At Bermuda Hundred the regiment was assigned to a provisional brigade, and remained there until the 27th of November, when it was ordered to report to the Army of the Potomac. Afterward it became part of the 1st brigade of Hartranft's (3d) division, 9th army corps. We did not have much to do during the winter, for our division was held in reserve, and posted in the rear of the 9th corps line.

Early in the spring, however, we got some fine opportunities to smell powder, for on the 25th of March, 1865, the Union lines at Fort Steadman, near Petersburg, were broken and driven back, and the fort and several batteries captured. Here's where we got in our work. Our division was hurriedly called into line, and advanced to the gap made by the rebel onset. Pouring in a most destructive fire, we held them in check until other Union troops were brought up within close supporting distance. At this juncture Gen. Hartranft received an order from his superior to retake the lost lines. Lieut. Col. Heintzelman had command of our regiment at this time, and so anxious was he to be in the lead that without awaiting orders, gave the signal to advance, and we advanced. Don't say we didn't have a hot time. The enemy made a most stubborn resistance, but we were too many for them, and when the smoke had cleared away we had possession of the works and in the folds of the captured battery we had one hundred and fifty prisoners, and along the line two hundred and fifty more, including a colonel, adjutant, and several line officers. The attack had been so sudden, and the disaster so appalling, that when it was learned that our single division, almost unaided, had successfully stemmed the current of misfortune, and had retrieved all that was lost, the feelings of exultation knew no bounds.

In the brief campaign which closed with Lee's surrender at Appomattox on the 9th of April, we saw very active service every day. We passed through Petersburg close on the heels of the retreating rebel army, and was at Nottoway Court House, when the end came.

After this we were sent by way of Petersburg and City Point to Alexandria, Va., where we were mustered out on the 1st day of June, 1865.

The man that had the greatest

GOT FIFTEEN DAYS.

Lon Spriggs Started Out to Paint the Town Red Last Saturday Evening and Ran Up Against It.

IS A GUEST OF SHERIFF ALEXANDER

Generally speaking Lon Spriggs is a big good natured colored citizen, but on last Saturday evening he came to town and after tanking up started out to paint the town red. Just as he was passing the store of C. B. Stevens he happened to run up against Constable David T. Fields who laid his strong hand on Lon's shoulder and suggested that he take a walk to the office of Squire Wible. Not being entirely sure that he cared to see his "Honor," he began to decline, when Mr. Fields bade Hon. S. W. Kirk, who was standing near conversing with a friend to "lay hold," and the two escorted Lon to the Justice's office with out any trouble.

But it happened that the justice had gone down street, and the two men with their prisoner sat down to await the justice's return. Only a few minutes elapsed until Lon, becoming impatient at the delay, ducked the officers and with his hat in his hand broke down the hill at a 2.25 gat.—When he had almost reached Water street, he met Mr. Wible and calmly told him to hurry up to the office that he was wanted badly.

Lon then started in the direction of his home, but decided after getting well out of town, to return and finish his painting job. Here's where he made his mistake, for when he had returned to the neighborhood of the post-office, he ran afoul of Nick Roettger, who had been deputized by Constable Fields. The pair started for the Justice's office, and at Dickson's corner, Lon tried the run-a-way act on Nick, but it wouldn't work. Nick delivered his man in good shape to the Justice, who gave the unruly fellow fifteen days in the county jail.

Lon Spriggs is not the only one guilty of disorderly conduct on the streets of McConnellsbury, or at public gatherings in other parts of the county; and in all kindness to such persons, we call attention to the Act of Assembly of June 25, 1895, which provides that where such persons are brought before a justice of the peace, a fine of ten dollars may be imposed, and in default of payment thereof, may be sent to the county jail thirty days.

endurance on a hard march, in our company, was Elliott Rumel, and the best shot was, no doubt, William Stoner. Stoner says he kept account of the number of rebels that he shot at Fort Steadman, until he had dropped 75, and then he became so warmed up to the work that he forgot the score.

I do not think the boys yet alive have forgotten the Black River raid; I know I have not. Among other things, we saw two poor fellows hanged for attempting to desert. It was not good for one's health to attempt to desert and then be caught.

I will remember the first "grayback" that I saw. The fellow was out sunning himself on my shirt sleeve one day, and my attention was called to the "critter" by Bill Stoner. This was soon after we reached the front. It was not long afterward, however, that a trifling thing like that sticking on your clothes, would not attract any attention.

Mr. Editor, I beg your pardon for taking so much of your space in this little sketch, but before I close, I want to say that I should be glad if the other boys would rummage through their recollections, and put on paper for the "News" some of the many interesting things that occurred during their army life. It would do me good to read them, and I think they would be enjoyed by those who never saw the real side of army life.

JOHN HANN.

MARY VROOMAN, DEAD.

Was Daughter of Rev. John Vrooman, Former Pastor of M. E. Church in This Place.

LIVED HERE DURING YEARS 1887-88-89.

From the Cameron County Press, published at Emporium, Pa., we learn of the death of Miss Mary, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Vrooman. Rev. Vrooman was pastor of the M. E. church of this place during the years 1887, '88 and part of '89, and Mary, who was a bright little girl of twelve years when they moved away, is lovingly remembered by her many friends here, who extend to the stricken parents the tenderest sympathy. Mr. Vrooman was pastor at Mercersburg and only left that charge for his present one last spring. Of her death the Press says:

"The death of Mary, the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Vrooman, of Keating Summit, Friday, Sept. 1st, though not unexpected, is a sad blow to her family and in a wider sense, to the entire community in which she lived and where she was held in the highest esteem. Deceased was but 28 years of age, and though never physically strong, for ten years, taught music with marked success, and had been a constant and valuable helper to her father in the several pastorates that he has held. After the assignment of Mr. Vrooman to Keating Summit, last spring, she grew gradually worse, her disease being paralysis, and although she was taken to a Buffalo hospital for treatment in the hope of relief, it was without avail. The remains was taken to Schuylerville, N. Y., for burial."

Recent Marriages.
WINK—HOEPT.

At the residence of the stepmother of the bride, Mrs. Barbara Hoept, in McConnellsbury, on Wednesday morning of last week, Rev. A. G. B. Powers, of the Christian church, Needmore, united in marriage, Mr. Alfred T. Wink, of Needmore, and Miss Abbie Hoept, of Ayr township, this county. The contracting parties are estimable young people and have the best wishes of their many friends. They expect to begin housekeeping at Needmore.

MAY—STEACH.

Miss Ada E. Steach, of Altoona, and Mr. Walter E. May, formerly of Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, but now of Wilmington, Del., were recently married in Wilmington. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Steach, formerly of McConnellsbury, but now residents of Altoona. Mr. and Mrs. May will reside at Wilmington, where Mr. May is employed as an inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

KEEBAUGH—DIVENS.

James I. Keebaugh, of Burnt Cabins, Pa., and Miss Elizabeth Divens, of Knobsville, Pa., were united in holy matrimony Thursday, Sept. 14, 1905, at the M. E. parsonage, by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. Vernon Adams.

Overcome While Reading the "News."

While reading the Fulton County News at his home in the State of Washington a few evenings ago, Mr. Asie Spencer, formerly of Bethel township, this county, chanced to glance at the label on his paper and made the discovery that he was in arrears. Yes, he owed since the 11th of July, 1905—nearly two months. He was quite overcome. After he had somewhat recovered, his composure, he fished a five-dollar bill out of his jeans, enclosed it in a letter, and sent it by first mail. In the letter, after apologizing for his carelessness, he says, "conscience sending to my address the Fulton County News as long as this money holds out." The label on his paper now reads 7 11 10.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings. Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Walter C. Peck of Bedford, Pa., is visiting in the home of his uncle the Editor.

F. M. Taylor, of this place, was doing a Land Office business in Harrisburg, last week.

Sheridan Deshong, wife and baby Sarah Edith, spent a few hours in town Monday.

Emma Ray of this place, went over the mountain last Friday to visit friends in Franklin county.

Mrs. James O. Mellott, of Saluvia, spent some time recently with relatives at Andover and vicinity.

Susie Black, of McConnellsbury, is visiting in the home of M. E. H. Bard, in Belfast township.

Miss Rhoda Lake, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with Myrtle Stouteagle, on East Water street.

Charles Deshong and family, of New Grenada, spent some time last week with his parents, D. P. Deshong and wife.

John B. Runyan and wife, of this place, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting the former's parents at Needmore.

C. D. Metzler, a popular young druggist of the Quaker City, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Metzler at Harrisville.

Miss Honora Dickson, who had been spending a few weeks among her McConnellsbury friends, returned to her home in Philadelphia last Friday.

Mrs. Matilda Akers and Miss Margaret Daniels, of Sipes Mill, spent last Thursday night in the home of P. P. Mann and wife, of this place.

Etta Hockensmith, who was spending a few days with her parents near Andover, has returned to Dr. Palmer's at Needmore.

Miss Janet Zacharias, who had been spending several weeks very pleasantly the guest of Miss Katharine Cook, returned to her home in Chambersburg last Friday.

Mrs. James Foutz and son Carl who had been spending a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Linn of this place, returned to their home in Altoona last Friday.

Dr. Rose, of Mercersburg, and Dr. West, of this place, exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Dr. Rose preached at Greenhill in the morning, and in McConnellsbury in the evening.

Mrs. Robert Fryman and Mrs. John Sheets returned home last Tuesday evening, after having spent a few days very pleasantly visiting in the home of the former's aunt, Miss Lizzie Dietrich in Waynesboro.

WEST VIEW.

Our school opened Monday with a large attendance—22 being enrolled the first day.

Mrs. John May continues about the same.

The farmers are busy cutting corn, and they say the crop is the heaviest it has been for a number of years.

Mrs. Chas. Lashley and Mrs. Jacob Weaver visited John May's Sunday.

Miss Kate Shoemaker, of Timber Ridge, is visiting in the home of Jacob Weaver.

Mrs. Denton Hoopengardner, of Whips Cove, is visiting her brother, John May.

The smiling face of James P. Hook, the accommodating druggist of Hancock, was seen about the Baptist church Sunday. Wonder what the attraction is, "Jimmy?"

W. Y. Stillwell, of Washington, D. C., moved his household goods up to his farm this week.